Level of disbursement by aid India consortium

1699. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has urged Aid India Consortium to increase the level of disbursement to India; and

(b) what is the extent of current disbursement as compared to the aid received in 1987, 1988 and 1989 and how it compares with that granted to Pakistan and Bangladesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The recommendations of the World Bank to the Aid India Consortium will be made at the Consortium meeting scheduled to be held in mid-June.

(b) The total aid received by India on Government Account and Non-Govt. Account during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 amounted to US $ 3860 million, and US $ 3634 and US $ 3573 Million respectively at the average exchange rates for the year. According to the latest World Development Report 1989 published by the World Bank, the net disbursement of ODA from all sources to Pakistan and Bangladesh in 1987 amounted to US $ 858 million and US $ 1637 million respectively. The figures for 1988 and 1989 are not yet published.

Increase in Imports

1700. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether imports during the past four months have risen by 26 percent over the imports for the corresponding period last year;

(b) what were the imports and exports figures during April-November and December-March 1989-90 and 1988-89 and how the trade deficit stood during that period; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to reduce the widening gap between imports and exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) The trade statistics are compiled on the financial year basis. The details of exports, imports and balance of trade during April-November 1989 and April-March 1989-90 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year are as under:-

(i) *April-November, 1988-89*

(Value: Rs.Crores)

	April-Nov. 1988 (P)	April-Nov 1989 (P)	%age change
Export	12200.70	16832.46	+38.0
Import	17706.21	21364.52	+20.7
Balance of trade	5505.51	4532.06	−17.7

(ii) *April-March, 1989-90*

	1988-89(P)	1989-90(P)	%age change
Export	20295.15	27681.47	+36.4
Import	28193.65	35411.88	+25.6
Balance of trade	−7898.50	−7730.41	−2.1

P : Provisional
Source : DGCI &S, Calcutta

(c) The Government has initiated a series of measures for increasing exports and containing imports in order to reduce the trade deficit. These are designed to make exports commercially viable through upgrading industrial efficiency, ensuring supply of raw materials at competitive prices, strengthening infrastructure and simplifying the procedures. Simultaneously, steps have been taken to ensure efficient import

substitution particularly in the area of bulk imports. It has also been decided to reduce the import of non-essential items.

उत्तर प्रदेश में कालीन बुनाई केन्द्रों के विकास के लिए वित्तीय सहायता

1701. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश को कालीन और कालीन बुनाई केन्द्रों के विकास के लिए कितनी वित्तीय सहायता प्रतिवर्ष उपलब्ध कराई जाती है; और

(ख) ऊपर उल्लिखित सहायता के दुरुपयोग को रोकने के लिए और कर्मकारों को आवश्यक सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

वस्त्र मंत्री साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव): (क) कालीन एवं कालीन बुनाई केन्द्रों के विकास के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य निर्यात निगम लि०, कानपुर को प्रदान की गई वार्षिक वित्तीय सहायता निम्न प्रकार है :-

क्रमांक	वर्ष	प्रदान की गई राशि
1.	1976-77	16,16,000.00/- रुपये
2.	1977-78	51,64,025.00/- रुपये
3.	1978-79	121,89,231.00/- रुपये
4.	1979-80	12,60,000.00/- रुपये

(ख) विकास आयुक्त (हस्तशिल्प) कार्यालय को उपर्युक्त सहायता के दुरुपयोग के संबंध में कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है। जहां तक सुविधाओं का संबंध है, कालीन बुनाई में चलाई जा रही विभागीय प्रशिक्षण योजना के अंतर्गत प्रत्येक प्रशिक्षणार्थी को बुनियादी पाठ्यक्रम के लिए 250/- रुपये एवं उच्च पाठ्यक्रम के लिए 350/- रुपये प्रति मास की दर से छात्रवृत्ति दी जाती है।

Export-Oriented Steel Plant at Paradeep Port

1702. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has recently demanded for the setting up of a steel plant (100 per cent export-oriented) at Paradeep Port in Central, State or Joint Sector;

(b) whether any decision has been taken by the Central Government thereon; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Central Government have not received any formal proposal from the State Government of Orissa for setting up a steel plant at Paradeep Port.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Linking of Ganga, Krishna, Godavari and Cauvery Rivers

1703. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up the project of linking the rivers Ganga, Krishna, Godavari and Cauvery and

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is willing to finance such a project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir. As an alternative, for the development of the country's water resources, the Government has prepared a National Perspective which comprises of two components, namely, Himalayan River Development and the Peninsula Rivers Development. Studies on the Peninsular River's component have been taken up.

(b) Detailed project proposals are not yet finalised. Hence World Bank has not been approached in the matter.